UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

PAUL ZAPATA, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner, Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

Case No. C08-5670BHS

ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

This matter comes before the court on review of the November 18, 2008, Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom, who recommended that Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* be denied because petitioner appeared to have the funds to pay the \$350.00 filing fee. Dkt. 3. The court has reviewed the Report and Recommendation and the remainder of the file herein.

On November 24, 2008, after the Report and Recommendation had been issued, Plaintiff paid the filing fee. The Report and Recommendation is moot. Therefore, Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **DENIED**. Plaintiff's action shall proceed. The case, including all pending motions, is **RE-REFERRED TO UNITED**STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAREN L. STROMBOM in accord with the original order of reference.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2008.

BENJAMIN H. SETTLE United States District Judge

ORDER